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An Advent Poem
by Brother Jerome Kroetch



GLORIOUS THINGS UNFOLD

*Glorious things on high unfold,
as prophets of old have foretold.
A seed from the root of Jesse shall spring,
and from this seed, a Savior God will bring.*

*The Angel Gabriel to a maiden did appear,
and said to her, Mary, do not fear.
A savior child you soon will bear,
and to him then, give great care.*

*Care for him, teach him and tend his needs.
As he grows, teach him all his creeds.
Then, as he grows, he'll make his decision;
to save mankind will be his Mission.*

*For us living now we know,
Jesus' love on us he does bestow---
for us to be disciples he does call,
to help save mankind, one and all.*



Columba Hall's Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Brothers of St. Joseph

A group of Columba Hall Brothers have planned an internal celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Brothers of St. Joseph.

Our celebration will run a calendar year beginning this coming January 2020 and continue until January 2021. We wanted not only to recall our history and the Brothers' significant role in the early formation of the Congregation but also to celebrate a debt of gratitude for these early men of Holy Cross.

Any event we schedule for the house will also be open to anyone in the area wishing to join us. Any materials we create for this anniversary celebration will also be made available to all CSC houses, institutions, and individuals if desired.

We hope to publish in *Midwest-Midweek* specific dates and times for our celebrations as we continue throughout the calendar year beginning this coming January 2020. Our celebrations will include monthly remembrances and events to which all CSC's are invited. The printed materials we will be using are available to all and could easily be adapted for similar celebrations in our houses or for individual use.

Our plans thus far include the following:

- A short ceremony will take place at Columba naming the floors and common rooms to give recognition to the original Brothers of St. Joseph. The first floor will be dedicated to Brother Andre Mottais. Other floors and common rooms will be similarly identified and dedicated. A plaque giving a brief history of the specific Brother will be affixed to the door-jam or adjacent wall.
- Once a month starting this coming January, and prior to the Mass of the Day, the names of the early Brothers deceased in that month will be announced. A tolling bell will sound and a moment of silence will be observed. At that day's liturgy also, in place of the homily, Brothers who have volunteered will give a brief reflection on one of these early men of Holy Cross. The presenters will comment on what struck them about the Brother of St. Joseph being remembered and what they found was laudable and worthy of admiration.

Historical material when used will be gleaned primarily from George Klawitter's book *Early Men of Holy Cross*.

- A small commemorative card, designed by the Columba Hall 2020 Committee and featuring a logo special to the Brothers of St. Joseph, will be distributed. On the reverse side will be an image of Brother Vincent Pieau and a short description of the origin of the Brothers of St. Joseph. We have also selected an adapted prayer service for the recitation of the office.
- To decorate and memorialize the celebratory year, commemorative banners are being designed, one for the chapel, and one large, display banner for the front of Columba Hall so passers-by will be informed of this significant year of the Brothers.
- On Wednesday, July 15, 2020 (the official month and day of the founding of the Brothers of St. Joseph in 1820), there will be a panel at Columba Hall composed of Jim Connelly, George Klawitter, and Phil Smith. Jim Connelly will speak on the inspiration to start the Brothers of St. Joseph; George Klawitter on the schools run by the early Brothers of St. Joseph; and Phil Smith on the relationship between Fr. Dujarie and Br. Andre Mottais. This will be an afternoon presentation in the Columba Hall Chapel. All CSC's in the area will be invited, as well as the Holy Cross Associates. We also hope to offer the panel presentation to Moreau Seminary and the Sisters at St. Mary's sometime in the fall of 2020.
- The planning committee will honor Brother Anselm (Pierre Calliot) who drowned in Madison, IN, and is buried there. A memorial tombstone will be placed in the Brothers' Cemetery at Holy Cross Village memorializing him and reuniting him symbolically with his Holy Cross Brothers buried there.
- Brother James Kane has agreed to create charcoal portraits of the early Brothers of St. Joseph. These will be placed in the Columba Hall dining room to balance the large existing painting of Dujarie and Moreau.

These artistic renderings and commemoration of rooms and floors honoring our original Brothers of St. Joseph will enrich the historical significance of Columba Hall and augment its historical role in the Congregation and the Brothers' Society. Our purpose in these celebrations has been to be as inclusive as possible in bringing together all CSC's as we celebrate the historical occasions by also having the community at large join us in all our endeavors whenever they can.

Ongoing information with future dates and times will be published in *Midwest-Midweek* as the year progresses.

Finally, we wish you a joyous remembrance in this celebratory year ahead as we honor the founding members of our Brothers of St. Joseph and their essential role in the establishment of the larger and enhanced Congregation of Holy Cross.

With you in Holy Cross,

The Brothers at Columba Hall

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Additionally, **Br. GEORGE KLAWITTER** has written numerous books on Holy Cross history, his most recent being *The Brothers of St. Joseph* written and published in honor of this 200th anniversary. To facilitate acquiring a copy of any of these books, contact him at: gklawitter@brothersofholycross.com

First Professions in Ghana!

The District gathered, along with the Family of Holy Cross, the families of the newly professed, members of the clergy, and many friends and well-wishers of the Brothers, on Saturday, November 9, 2019, for the First Profession of Religious Vows of **Bro. Augustine Atta Maison, Bro. John Agyemang Amponsah, Bro. Richmond Kakra Assafuah and Bro. Robert Mensah.**

The ceremony took place at the St. Brother André Chapel at the Holy Cross District Centre, Brafoyaw. The presider at the Eucharistic Celebration was Rev. Father Raymond, SJ. He was assisted by three other priests.

Bro. John Badu Affum, the district superior, received the vows and was assisted by **Bro. Paul Bukari** and **Bro. Kenneth Emmanuel Goode**. The MC for the day was **Bro. Aristide Oben Biney**.

Below are some of the photos to capture the day:







St. Edward High School Construction School Commons

E-mail and photos by Brother Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C.

Here are some photos taken this week from the construction of the **Marilyn and David Palisin '64 Commons**. This new food service area is being built in front of the gym entrance to St. Edward toward Detroit Ave. The autumn weather has been dry in northeast Ohio and the contractor made great progress.



The view is looking east from the main entrance of St. Edward High School. The Commons will go right up to the Detroit Avenue sidewalk.

The view is from across Detroit Ave. looking north toward St. Edward. The Commons will be located directly in front of the main gym entrance doors.





This view is looking west. The new main entrance will lead from the front parking lot off Nicholson Avenue. The commons will be to the south of the entrance while the Main Gym and Student Activities Center will be to the north of the new entrance

From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, and a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below. Midwest-Midweek will post links to these members as they become available.



Website: <http://www.voiceofmoreau.org/>

Weekly Pick: [Cardinal O'Hara, Mother Mary of the Seven Dolours, Bro. Ephrem](#)



BROTHER PHILIP SMITH **BEN ROSSI**

BOO

Stranger Prowling

First sighted on the main floor of Columba Hall on October 31st was a stranger prowling on the premises. The feeling of members is that the stranger is still around. Please inform any house members if you recognize who this person may be.



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**Photos by
Brother Roberto
Jimenez**

The Village Big Band Concert *Salute Our Veterans*



Photos by Brother Michael Brickman, C.S.C.

This concert was a salute to our veterans as well as a salute to band director Brother Lew Brazil. He will be taking a sabbatical from his series of concerts.

Thanks, Lew, for all the wonderful notes that have floated around the Village.

Reflection

REMEMBRANCE DAY

November 11th, 2019

Lest We Forget



Note: These reflections come by way of Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.

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